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SUBJ: RAQUL WALLEBERG HEARINGS POSTPONED

1. (U) ON APRIL 24, THE SWEDISH WALLEBERG COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED POSTPONEMENT OF THE RAQUL WALLEBERG HEARINGS PLANNED FOR STOCKHOLM MAY 2-4, SCHEDULED PARTICIPANTS HAD INCLUDED FOUR AMERICANS, AMONG THEM ELIZABETH MOYNIHAN, WIFE OF SENATOR MOYNIHAN, THE REASON GIVEN FOR THE POSTPONEMENT IS THE LABOR UNREST WHICH LED TO A BREAKDOWN OF SWEDEN'S AIR TRANSPORT NETWORK ON APRIL 25, AND MAY WELL CONTINUE BEYOND MAY 1.

2. (C) EMBASSY INQUIRIES WITH THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER (MFA'S MAN ON THE WALLEBERG CASE) DISCLOSED THAT ALTHOUGH THE STRIKE AND COMMUNICATIONS TIE-UP IS A LARGE FACTOR, PERHAPS MORE TELLING REASONS FOR THE POSTPONEMENT ARE:
--THE DATES HAD BEEN POORLY CHOSEN, FALLING AS THEY DO IN THE MIST OF A 4-DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN SWEDEN;

--NOT ONLY FOR THIS REASON, THE RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS WAS POOR AND LIKELY PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES WERE COMING TO BEEN LIMITED;

--THE COMMITTEE WAS UNABLE TO UNCOVER NEW WITNESSES OR REVEAL NEW TESTIMONY FOR PRESENTATION AT THE HEARINGS.

3. (C) WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED ALSO BY SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS THAT THE DECISION TO POSTPONE WAS STRICTLY THAT OF THE COMMITTEE AND WAS TAKEN WITHOUT THE ADVICE OR INFLUENCE OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. NEW DATES MAY BE SET FOR SOMETIME IN THE AUTUMN, BUT THIS IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN. KENNEDY-MINGOTT

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